



# COLLEGE REPORT

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Driving to the campus this morning, I noticed an abandoned roadside fire works stand. The entire clapboard structure would no doubt soon be torn down. The gaudy banners were in tatters now; and from one torn sign, red, white and blue letters proclaimed FREEDOM!

I wondered, as I passed, if those who occupied that stand a few short weeks ago and if those who came to buy its wares gave much conscious thought to that abstract and often unattended word. They should.

For, among the statements that can be made about freedom in the broad, the most fundamental seems to me to

ed out — to yell "fire!" falsely in a crowded theater. To repeat, freedom is not an absolute and prevails only within the boundaries of physical and social law.

Secondly, although man is a freedom-loving animal, he is also an obeying animal. He obeys to remain alive, and remaining alive constitutes his most persistent purpose and unyielding need. He accepts the limitations imposed by nature because he instinctively knows that to remain alive he must. He also early learns the power of the man-made laws that relate to his physical survival, and similarly he learns the importance of those that determine the quality of his social survival — laws and customs which, if transgressed, lead to his incarceration or ostracism and which thereby lessen his status as a person and hence his freedom. More elemental than man's demand for freedom is his urge to survive.

MAN'S NEED for order, in the third place, is more elemental than his need for freedom. Only when order has

been established does freedom become possible; and when a catastrophe jeopardizes order, crucial kinds of freedom immediately disappear. This is as true of a free society as of a police state. The restrictions imposed upon freedom during wars and other extraordinary emergencies illustrate the fact and the principle that the terms society and social are synonymous.

This brings into focus another general fact about freedom, namely, the continuous conflicts among those supporting competing conceptions of social order. Lincoln pinpointed this truth in one of his speeches: "The shepherd," he said, "drives the wolf from the sheep's throat; for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act, as the destroyer of liberty. . . Plainly the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon the definition of the word liberty; and precisely the same difference prevails . . . among us human creatures. . ."

HUMAN beings not only differ about the definition of freedom but also concerning their conceptions of social order. They crave particular kinds of social arrangements and continuously strive to establish them. Thus some citizens of democratic nations betray their countries to Communist government because they believe that the social order promised by communism is or will be a better way of life than that of the Western world. These men are traitors; but many, if not most of the members of the American Communist Party and their fellow travelers, are also idealists, willing to lie, spy, and even die for their visions of a better social order.

However deluded these men may be, they illustrate a fifth facet of freedom, to wit, the ceaseless striving by mankind for a better world, that is, for what our Declaration of Independence called "the pursuit of happiness."

Development of the individual is the primary goal of 4-H. Citizenship and leadership are stressed.

## New Committee Formed to Study Conflicts on State Road Routes

Capitol News Service  
SACRAMENTO—Governor Ronald Reagan's administration has taken a new approach toward solving an old problem—how to resolve the conflict between state agencies in construction of highways which might interfere with other uses, such as state beaches and parks.

The administrators of the resources and transportation agencies each named three members to a standing committee which will meet and attempt to resolve such problems. There is no set meeting schedule for the new committee and it will meet when the need arises.

Previously, a committee including several members each from the highway commission and the state park commission, had been appointed. This group held a total of two meetings and accomplished little other than a heated exchange of view points.

The new committee was named by Gordon C. Luce, transportation administrator, and Norman B. Livermore Jr., resources administrator.

"California cannot afford separate planning that stalemates its major resource programs and its program for safe and adequate highways," they said. "Neither can it afford avoidable inter-agency conflicts that require major program changes after huge sums have already been invested."

Representing the resources agency will be Win Adams, assistant to the administrator; Frank D. Nicol, deputy director of the Department of Parks and Recreation; and Robert L. Jones, deputy director of the Department of Fish and Game.

The transportation agency will be represented by John A. Legarra, state highway engineer; Dana Pengilly, highway planning engineer,

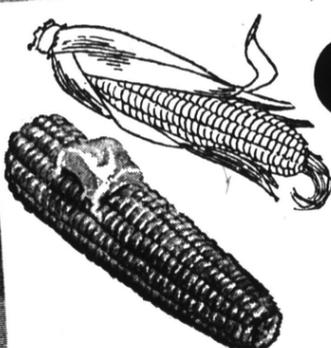
and a third member who will be the district highway engineer for the area involved in a specific routing problem.

### Swimming Sessions To Begin

Registration for the final two sessions of summer swimming classes at El Camino College will be held in the Campus Center July 29 beginning at 8 a.m.

Class instruction begins July 1 for the first group of classes. The final session begins Aug. 14.

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